

# Shrewsbury Public Library

## News and Events

### **Toys for Tots**

The Young Adult Advisory Board joins the United States Marine Corps in their Toys for Tots program this year. We will have a collection box at the Library starting November 1 to collect new, unwrapped toys for children in need in the Worcester area. Monetary gifts will also be accepted. For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

### **Donations**

The Library is pleased to accept donations of materials in good condition, either for addition to the collection or for sale by the Friends of the Library. However, there is no space for storage of materials awaiting sale so there is a set limit of one bag or box at a time that will be accepted. Greater quantities are accepted just prior to the annual Friends of the Library book sale in May.

### **Watercolor Note Cards**

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Library are selling note cards of original art work. Town resident, Aili Paal Singer has donated cards of her watercolors to the Friends. Singer is an award-winning storyteller and artists. Samples are available at the Circulation Desk.

### **State Aid and InterLibrary Loan**

A portion of the state aid is based on figures from the InterLibrary Loan (ILL) statistics. ILL is a service provided by the Library making possible the ability to borrow and item from any library in the country. In September the Shrewsbury Public Library loaned 1,474 items to requesting libraries. In turn, 1,431 items were requested by the Library.

### **Book Groups**

#### **Pageturners Mystery Book Group**

You've Got Murder by Donna Andrews

November 4, 10:30 am

A Grave Talent by Laurie R. King

December 2, 10:30 am

#### **Eclectic Browsers Book Group**

Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius

by Dave Eggers

November 18, 10:30 am

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

December 16, 10:30 am

Due to a tremendous response to the morning sessions of Pageturners and Eclectic Browsers, the afternoon sessions have been cancelled.

### **Great Books**

Road to Coorain by Jill Ker Conway

November 16, 7 pm

The Kiterunner by Kahled Hosseini

December 20, 7 pm

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### **Computer Classes**

Registration is necessary for all classes and may be done at the Front Desk or by calling 508-842-0081 x3. Each class consists of 3 meetings; students are expected to attend each meeting.

#### **Basic Computer Skills**

Mondays - Nov. 8, 15, 22      3-4 pm

#### **Internet**

Tuesdays - Dec. 14, 21, 28      11 am - noon

#### **Word Processing**

Wednesdays - Nov. 10, 17, 24      2-3 pm

Fridays - Dec. 3, 10, 17      11 am - noon

# News from the Children's Room

## Vote to Read and Have Fun!

Grades K-5

### November 1-5

Visit the Children's Room this week and cast a vote for your favorite book. We will tally the results and display the winners.

## Election Week

### Tuesday, November 2

2:30 PM

Your parents aren't the only ones who get to vote! Come to the Library to vote at our mock "election," listen to stories, do a craft, and have fun. Space is limited. Please register in the Children's Room, beginning October 21<sup>st</sup>, so we know you are coming.

## School Vacation Week at the Library

Grades K – 5

### Afternoon at the Movies

Tuesday, December 28  
2 pm

Watch a movie starring Robin Williams about a very special board game. It is based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Can you guess the title? No registration necessary. Rated PG

Wednesday, December 29  
2 pm

Listen to the story Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg. Make your own board game. Space is limited. Register please, beginning December 15 in the Children's Room or by phone at 508-842-0081 x4.

### Game Day

Thursday, December 30  
2 pm

Come to the Library to play your favorite board games. We will have several or bring your own. Your time spent playing games will be recorded for the 2004 Million Minute Family Challenge (more details at [www.millionminute.com](http://www.millionminute.com))

Join this nationwide effort to accrue 1,000,000 minutes of game playing! No registration necessary.

### Family Ornament Workshop

Monday, December 13  
6:30 pm Grades 1 – 5

This evening is recommended for children in Grades 1 – 5 and their families. One adult may work with up to 2 children. Space is limited; registration is required, beginning November 30 in the Children's Room or by calling 508-842-0081 x4. A sample of the ornament will be on display in the Children's Room beginning December 1.

### Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, November 26  
2 pm  
Grades 3-5

Join us for an afternoon at the movies. Do you like to travel, enter contests, and find adventure around every corner? Can you guess the title? Popcorn will be served. No registration necessary. Rated PG.

### *Our fish has been named!*

Thank you to all those who participated in the "Name Our Fish" contest. Lauren Nolli's entry was chosen. The name of our fish is SHINEY. Please stop by and say hello. Also, try to find the newest residents in our aquarium.

# STORYTIMES

## Drop-in Story time for Pre-schoolers Ages 3 ½ - 6

Don't forget—there is a drop-in story time for pre-school age children Thursdays, September 30 – December 2 at 10 am. (No story time November 11 or 25). This story time features stories only. Due to space limitations only the first 20 “drop-in” children will be admitted each week.

### Tales for Twos & Threes

Ages 2 ½ to 3 ½

A 30 minute program of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts (registered session only) designed for children ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ years old with an accompanying adult. Activities are meant for this age group, therefore, no siblings please.

#### Wednesday Session 10 am

Registration required due to space limitations

January 5 – January 26

Registration is required and will begin December 11. This storytime will feature stories, finger plays, songs, and crafts.

#### Thursday Session 10 am

Drop-in—no registration required

January 6 – January 27

There is no registration. This storytime will feature stories, finger plays, and songs. Due to space limitations, only the first 7 “drop-in” children will be admitted each week.

### Baby and Me Storytime

Ages birth - 2 ½

A 30 minute program of stories, fingerplays, songs, and movement designed for children ages birth to 2 ½ with an accompanying adult. Space is limited; registration is required for all sessions.



#### Tuesday Session

November 16 – December 7

Registration begins October 30

Group 1 – 10 am – Walkers!  
For children who are up and running

Group 2 – 11 am – Prewalkers!  
For the youngest in our group

## After School Kids Club

### Book Chats

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, November 17 4 pm

*Ida B: ...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan. Pick up a copy of the book anytime after Wednesday, October 20.

Wednesday, December 15 4 pm

*Blue Jasmine* by Kashmiri Sheth.  
Copies of the book will be available after Monday, November 22.

### Calling All Crafters

Grades K – 5

Tuesday, November 23 at 4 pm

Did you go to Tower Hill for Shades of Autumn? Come to the Library today and make your own fall basket to hold all those special trinkets. Space is limited; please register in the Children's Room beginning Tuesday, November 9 so we know you are coming. You may also call us at 508-842-0081 x4 to register.

# YOUNG Adult NEWS

All events for students in grades 5-12 ONLY

## Young Adult Advisory Board

Don't like the Library? Think that you can make it better? Join the YAYAs! Help plan programs like the Toys for Tots Drive, choose books, CDs, and movies for our collection, and suggest changes that will make our Library a cooler place to hang. Contact Sarah at [ssogigia@cwmares.org](mailto:ssogigia@cwmares.org) for more info. Bring friends and we'll provide the snacks!

## Beginner's Knitting Group

Date and time to be announced

Always wanted to learn how to knit? This is the time to learn the basics of knitting. Call (508-842-0081 x5) or e-mail ([ssogigia@cwmares.org](mailto:ssogigia@cwmares.org)) Sarah to get on the list and she'll let you know what you need to bring and when to show up.

## Thank You Gnomes

The Library THANKS, in a big way, our Secret Garden Gnomes. Because of staffing shortages, our garden weeding had fallen behind. Thanks you for your work; we all appreciate the good job that you did.

## YA Book Chat

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Thursday, December 16 at 3:30 pm

Books will be available at the Front Desk of the Library after Monday, November 15.

## Celebrate Your Rights Movie Festival

Celebrate Your Rights! Even if you're not old enough to vote, it's important to keep up on today's important issues. See how Hollywood puts its spin on these issues. Every Wednesday in November (3, 10, 17, and 24) at 3:30 pm, watch a different movie set in the world of American politics. Movies will be shown with our new projector on the BIG SCREEN!

## Holiday Closings

The Library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 24

The Library will close at 12 noon on  
Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31

The Library will be closed

Thursday, Nov. 11

Thursday, Nov. 25

Saturday, Dec. 25

Saturday, Jan. 1

Sunday, Dec. 26

Sunday, Jan. 2